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SUBJECT:ARAB BOYCOTT: DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM USDOC TWO BOYCOTT-RELATED
REPORTS WHICH ARE DEEMED TO BE DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE
AND WHICH ARE REPORTED HERewith FOR APPROPRIATE EMBASSY
ACTION.

2. FOLLOWING REPORTS IN THE JTA DAILY NEWS BULLETIN,
MARCH 16, 1976, THAT THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS (AJC)
HAD PURCHASED SHARES IN GENERAL MOTORS AND INTERNATIONAL
HARVESTER, THE ISRAEL BOYCOTT OFFICE IN DOHA FORWARDED
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TO THE TWO COMPANIES A REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED DOCUMENTATION
SHOWING THE EXTENT OF FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF THE AJC
IN THE TWO FIRMS.

3.SUCH REQUESTS APPEAR CONTRARY TO THE ANNOUNCED GOB
POLICY THAT RELIGION OR CREED HAS NO PLACE IN THE BOYCOTT
OF ISRAEL. U.S. FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED BY USDOC REGULA-

TIONS FROM PROVIDING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS CONCERNING RELIGION OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION WITH EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR FIRMS ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS TO 1.) ASK BASIS FOR GOB (I.E. BOYCOTT OFFICE) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FIRMS' ASSOCIATION WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION (I.E. AJC), 2.) REQUEST THAT GOB HALT FURTHER ACTION ON OUTSTANDING REQUESTS (U.S. FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED BY EXISTING REGULATIONS FROM RESPONDING TO ANY BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS AS TO AFFILIATION OF FIRMS OR PERSONS WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS) AND 3.) SEEK ASSURANCES OF GOB ACTION TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS.

4. AJC IS A TAX EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. SHOULD BOYCOTT OFFICE SEEK TO JUSTIFY ITS REQUESTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE AJC IS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARAB BOYCOTT, SUCH REQUESTS ARE STILL CONTRARY TO U.S. POLICY AND RAISE INHERENT DIFFICULTIES IN TERMS OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND NON-RELIGIOUS PURPOSE OF REQUESTED ACTION.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED PURSUE THIS ISSUE AS MATTER OF PRIORITY CONCERN. FULL REPORTING ON GOB RESPONSE REQUESTED.
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